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CERTIFIED EMISSION REDUCTION UNITS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Certified Emission Reduction (CER) units issued to Indian Industries by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

(b) whether the approval of the host country is required under the UNFCCC norms and regulations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to reduce carbon emission in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The number of Certified Emission Reduction (CER) units issued to India as on date is 58.25 million.

(b)& (c) As per UNFCCC norms and regulations any entity that desires to participate in the CDM under UNFCCC has to obtain Host Country Approval (HCA) from the Designated National Authority (DNA) of that Country. The National CDM Authority is India's DNA and accords HCA to eligible CDM projects. The procedure for obtaining Host Country Approval has been clearly stated in the National CDM Authority website www.cdmindia.nic.in. In brief it is a single window clearance, wherein Project Proponents submit their 'Project Concept Note' and 'Project Design Document'. The Project Proponent and his consultant is requested to be present in the National CDM Authority meeting where they explain the details of their project and respond to questions that may be raised by members of the Authority. If the members are satisfied, Host Country Approval is issued later by the Authority.

(d) India has no binding commitments to reduce emissions.However, we are following a sustainable development path by adopting a range of policies and programmes to mitigate climate change,some of which include:

i) ensuring energy conservation and improved energy efficiency in various sectors as well as setting up of Bureau of Energy Efficiency

ii) promoting use of renewable energy

iii) power sector reforms and active renewable energy programme

iv) use of cleaner and lesser carbon intensive fuel for transport

v) fuel switching to encourage cleaner energy

vi) afforestation and conservation of forests

vii) promotion of clean coal technologies

viii) reduction of gas flaring,and

ix) encouraging Mass Rapid Transport systems

Further steps taken by the Government to earn carbon credits include capacity building of industry and other stake holders through various seminars and workshops. Also, with assistance of Asian Development Bank, the Ministry had published a booklet on 'How to implement Small Scale CDM Projects-A Guide and Toolkit', which was widely distributed to all states. The Government,along with other bilateral agencies, is also helping in development of specific methodologies for CDM.